



## Village of Jones Creek

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### CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA MINUTES

**The Board of Alderman of the Village of Jones Creek, Texas held a Regular Council Meeting on December 20, 2022 at the Village Hall located at 7207 Stephen F. Austin Road, beginning at 6:00p.m. Members of the public were able to attend the meeting in person or via teleconference.**

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER 6:01PM**
- 2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** *Led by Alderman, AJ Jinkins, Pledge said by all.*
- 3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS** *Mayor, Terry Jeffers, Alderman, David Galloway, Alderwoman, Nicole Hardesty, Alderman, AJ Jinkins, Alderman, Glenn Jordan; absent, Alderman, Corey Thomas.*
- 4. BUSINESS OF VISITORS**  
*Mr. Sagness Girouard, attorney from Freeport, represents Mr. Tom Scott who owns property on Hwy 36 who wants to subdivide his property. The Interlocal agreement with the county requests they reach out to Jones Creek for approval before moving forward with subdividing the acreage which is over 5 acres. They are requesting a letter to the engineer's office that the Village is aware of what they are doing. This property is not within the city limits but does lie within our ETJ. Mr. Reyna is the contact at the engineer's office. They want to sell off the 6 acre tract which is part of close to 98 acres that will be agricultural use. City*

*Secretary, Brittney Fairchild mentioned that this was sent to the City attorney for review. As soon as it is reviewed we will get back to them with an answer to move forward or deny their request. With the attorney's approval, the City Secretary is able to sign this letter if approved. Mr. David Galloway asked if we were individually able to come into the office to sign if council signatures were needed, we could make this happen as well.*

## **5. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Discuss and approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 15, 2022. *Alderman, AJ Jinkins motion to approve the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alderman, Corey Thomas, all in favor, motion carried.*
- b. Discuss and consider action on financial and monthly reports from all departments. *Alderwoman, Nicole Hardesty motion to accept all financial reports that are in front of council as good, with the understanding we are still in contact with the accountant to concur they are correct. Alderman, Corey Thomas asked to add in a percentage to the budget to show how much has been spent, Alderman, Corey Thomas 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all in favor, motion carried.*
- c. Discuss and consider action on drainage improvement projects and updates from Drainage Liaison Corey Thomas.  
*\*Alderman, Corey Thomas motion to change the name to Street & Drainage Committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alderwoman, Nicole Hardesty, all in favor, motion carried. Mr. Thomas discussed the remaining driveways from the E. Stephen F. Austin project & Frontier Lane project. Mrs. Hardesty asked about the project and why we are using our funds to fix what was not completed by Sorrell Construction from the project. Mr. Galloway addressed the contract was revised to fit within the budget of the grant funds. It was adjusted and approved. 6 driveways are left to complete on SFA, Frontier just has high weeds and trash. Water is flowing great. Mr. Thomas mentioned 30ft of 15" Culverts; \$1152.00, 36ft of 24" Culverts; \$1728.00, and 24ft of 30" Culverts; \$1536.00= \$4416.00 at a total, Rock is additional for the driveways, at a possible \$3000.00 total. Alderwoman, Nicole Hardesty motioned to allocate a cost of no more than \$8000 for the 6 remaining driveways on E. Stephen F. Austin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alderman, AJ Jinkins, all in favor, motion carried. Texas Park & Wildlife, Centerpoint and Embridge met for a discussion on putting in a tank farm. The Attorney was at this meeting and represented us very well and came back with a list of items of concern before they move forward. A letter of no objection, a survey, speaking to the Army Corp of Engineers and drainage concerns must be addressed prior to moving forward. It was asked that Centerpoint would have a public meeting. Embridge did say that they would work with the Village with issues if they are to impact us. Discussion about it being historical land and ways to step outside of the box to work against this. Alderman, Corey Thomas asked for us to reach out to Mr. Pertile about contacting the Army Corps of Engineers and send a letter. County quote about asphalt is \$4000.00 for the school driveways, Mrs. Hardesty said she would reach out to Mr. Massey at BISD to include this in their held funds for updating. Mr. Galloway discussed how speaking to the school district would about reimbursing our time and costs for the city. Mrs. Hardesty discussed our community fighting for the school to stay. Motion made by Alderman, Corey Thomas to approve \$4000.00 for Asphalt driveways at the school, upon the decision of Nikki (Nicole*

*Hardesty) talking to Mr. Massey about compensating everything we are spending since they are not rebuilding the school, 2<sup>ND</sup> Alderwoman, Nicole Hardesty, Alderman, David Galloway asked to add that we have BISSD's response in writing, all in favor, motion carried. Mr. Thomas discussed getting another Interlocal agreement with the Drainage district about some of the Dam's that have been placed on drainage ditches. Mrs. Hardesty asked to get a county map to show our right a way for the area of concern.*

**d. Discuss and consider action on updates for ARPA Funds.**

*Marshal Tidwell and Council discussed the concern of keeping officers at the current rate is low compared to other cities and he would propose keeping the additional \$4 increase. The cost of living has gone up and they shorthanded and need to hire someone and this additional rate could help get someone in. The Marshal does want to include this rate across departments. It was something they meant to help save and with the inflation the way it is, they are now just maintaining. Part-Time employees would be included in this balance. City Secretary, Brittney Fairchild mentioned that this could help with bringing in a code enforcement officer as well. Alderman, David Galloway motioned to approve extending the original \$99,840.00 to an additional \$58,000.00, until the end of this Fiscal year, Mr. Galloway amended to add the freedom and flexibility to pay up to the additional \$4/hour for new employee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alderman, Corey Thomas, all in favor, motion carried. Mr. Thomas mentioned getting the slope mower back into consideration for mowing.*

**e. Discuss and consider upcoming and past events.**

*Pancakes with Santa was a great success, The Galloway Family, Alderman, AJ Jinkins and The Marshal's Office did a great job with giving the children in our area a great breakfast. They also provided a beautiful Christmas in the creek event with lots of younger volunteers serving and helping out. A reminder that the first day to file an application for a place on the May 6, 2023 Election is January 18, 2023. Notice is on our website and Facebook page.*

**f. Discuss and consider a revision for permit fees for Ordinance No. 450 - Peddlers, solicitors, and vendors.**

*Discussion on this topic and a motion made by Alderwoman, Nicole Hardesty to charge a mobile peddlers, solicitors, and vendors a yearly fee of \$50 plus the cost of a background check to be completed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alderman, Corey Thomas, all in favor, motion carried.*

**g. Discuss and consider updating building codes and acquiring building code books.**

*City secretary, Brittney Fairchild presented the costs and comparisons of codes used in other cities. 2015/2014 code books are the most common in our area and known by our inspectors as well. Alderwoman, Nicole Hardesty made a motion to allocate \$500.00 to purchase the code books, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alderman, Corey Thomas, all in favor, motion carried.*

**h. Updates on The Village of Jones Creek seeking applicants for Front Desk Clerk & ongoing progress for the City Secretary.**

*Currently down to 3 applicants and need to bring them in for in person interviews, Mr. Thomas asked for their resumes and if they could have up to 10 applicants to review for approval. City Secretary mentioned that upon going through applicants, they have come across some resumes that after*

*verification were not true. Mr. David Galloway mentioned that there is a responsibility as council members to proceed in guiding the city secretary with the remaining issues that are not at the fault of Brittney, and he does not want to stop this plan in place at this time and would like to extend this another 30-45 days for review. Mrs. Hardesty mentioned that the meetings have been productive and hopes that Brittney feels this way too. Mrs. Hardesty has seen that Brittney has been reaching out and moving forward.*

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Discuss and Consider Future Grant applications.**

- *TxDot City Sidewalks grant (Stephen F. Austin, Primrose, & Bluebonnet) Alderman, Corey Thomas mentioned to reach out to Mike Chilcote since he was apart of this last time. Discussion on locations for sidewalks. Adjustments can be updated but TxDot reached out to us to resubmit. New Pricing but a special call meeting should be made to discuss to submit by January 27, 2023.*
- *FEMA BRIC Grant-Letter of Support City Secretary gave information on this grant and if we qualify due to a FEMA grant we currently have open since 2016. Waiting on a response at this time.*
- *Texas Parks & Wildlife Small Community & Local Park Grants- City Park upgrades & Recreation Center/Gym. (Grant Works) Discussion on what we could do if applied for. We cannot connect to city hall. We can do a covered pavilion, upgrade the city park. Possibly put a Recreation center on the city property on the Highway. Locals could do inside sports at this location, rent out this building; it would generate income for the city. It could double as an emergency disaster center when needed as well with showers etc. Council asked to reach out to Grant works more, Mrs. Ashton Crow is our rep. in our area and she is going to set up a meeting soon about this.*

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

*Alderman, Corey Thomas motioned to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alderwoman, Nicole Hardesty, all in favor, motion carried.*

*Brittney Fairchild*

Brittney Fairchild, City Secretary

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